

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0013] In the present invention, it is preferable that at least a part of the outer periphery of the formed body or the fired body is worked and removed before the step of forming the outer wall portion. In addition, the step of working and removing at least a part of the outer periphery is preferably conducted before the step of firing the formed body, and the step of working and removing at least a part of the outer periphery is preferably conducted after the step of firing the formed body. It is also preferable that, in the step of obtaining a formed body containing an outer wall unitarily joined with the partition walls in the step of obtaining a formed body and working and removing at least a part of the outer periphery, the outer periphery including the outer peripheral wall is worked and removed. It is also preferable that a method for manufacturing a cell structure ~~according to Claim 10~~, wherein, in the step of obtaining a formed body, a formed body excluding the outer peripheral wall is obtained, and a coating material is disposed on the outer peripheral surface of the formed body or the fired body to form the outer peripheral portion without working or removing the outer peripheral portion of the formed body and the fired body. In addition, the method preferably includes the step of plugging at least a part of cells at an end portion. The pore former is preferably one of carbon, a balloon, a foaming resin, a polyester resin, an acrylic resin, and a starch or a combination thereof, and the pore former preferably has a hollow body.